

Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Honors Mary Hankins

On November 11, 2012 the Wesley Trinity Daily Bread Lunch Program, gave its director, Mary Hankins, a surprise appreciation service. Mary's dedication and hard work has been an inspiration to all. The Lunch Program has been in existence for 29 years with next February starting its 30th year in ministry in North San Angelo. Mary Hankins has been a part of the ministry for many years.

The Board of Directors thought it a good idea to recognize Mary's dedication and commitment to the ministry. The reception was well attended by volunteers, board members and members of the community, showing Mary how much everyone loves her.

The ministry has grown from serving a handful of people soup and crackers to now serving 175 full meals



a day 6 days a week. Other ministries that are done through the Wesley Trinity United Methodist Church Lunch Program are a clothing closet, access to the Wesley Nurse, Counseling services, prescription assistance, and daily chapel service. The Wesley Trinity UMC Family and the Daily Bread Board of Directors thank Mary for her leadership and direction.

The "Soup Kitchen" program is designed to feed nourishing hot meals at noon Monday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to all and any children, families, or adults who would not otherwise have a sustaining meal on a daily basis. The meals consist of a nourishing meat and vegetable, home-made soup or stew, or a main dish served with bread, dessert, drinks and often side dishes. Adequate nutrition is a major health issue,

particularly among children, the elderly and the mentally ill. There is no other program in San Angelo delivering this specific service to this constituency. Most persons eat two or more servings. The "Soup Kitchen" is helping to decrease hunger in San Angelo.

The Daily Bread Lunch Program receives financial support, gifts, talent, time and labor through selfless donations from individuals, churches, merchants, military, nonprofit organizations and restaurants. As one of

the most successful community outreach programs in San Angelo out of concern for the less fortunate and homeless it is an excellent example of Christians in action.

The Program is officially under the legal authority of the Wesley Trinity United Methodist Church, and its success proves that God's blessings are extended to those who follow His word of charity and goodwill.

